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Good Entertainment, Variety Highlight Charlatans' Plays

By Wallace Aitchison

For anyone to hit upon four perfectly rewarding one-act plays undoubtedly takes greater mental and manual effort than the Charlatans must exert to clear a path for themselves between a Commons dinner and a Commons breakfast. So none of us will quarrel about selection. And at this dark nadir of the year we best not prate about "rewarding" but accept with thanks the apparent ease and spontaneity that endow the simply "entertaining."

Entertaining, here and now, does not say all; whatever their limitations, one-act plays do offer variety of effect. This sequence opens with a traditionally uncouth huddle over mountaineer bastardy, deepens to Ernest Hemingway's splendid modernization of a Crucifixion post-mortem, broadens to the full expanse of farce with Ben Hecht's famous lampoon of a matronly bridge party, and tightens into a taut debate between one man's mind and body, a debate unpleasantly pertinent to college campuses.

Variety of effect is not the only credit due. The plays are staged in a kind of cockpit arena, with only costumes and essential properties. This experiment boldly forces old Commons to its Tudor knees and makes it come up with something of the intimacy between audience and actors that we think of as Elizabethan.

Finally it is a pleasure to note the number of students that such an evening allows to acquit themselves both as actors and directors. And in both capacities they have shown skill and personal enjoyment. The devices of simplicity were all intelligently employed to make each play either appropriately dramatic or engaging; and with the audience eying from three sides and with no material comfort of backdrop, side wings, or upholstery, each cast performed with admirable assurance and vitality. And rightly performed as units.

'Poems Of Negro Life' Subject Of Langston Hughes' Lecture

Poet Gives Account Of Life And Works

By Jack Banks

The outstanding Negro poet in America today, Langston Hughes, spoke on "Poems of Negro Life" in the fifth—and one of the most enjoyable—lectures of the present series, in the Chapel Wednesday evening.

Mr. Hughes, often called the "poet laureate of the Negro race," related the incidents of his life which have most influenced his poetry. Above all, whether a junior high school student in Illinois, an office boy in New York City, a seaman in China, or a lecturer in Spokane, Mr. Hughes has always been well aware of an existing color-line. And thus, much of his poetry is written in protest of the deplorable conditions he has found.

He began to write when he was elected class poet of his eighth grade class in Lincoln, Ill. and the applause he received after reading his poems at Commencement decided his career for him. *Dressed Up* and *When Sue Wears Red,* the first two poems read during the lecture, were written while Mr. Hughes was in high school and show that he was influenced by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, eminent Negro poet of the late nineteenth century, and Carl Sandburg.

Harlem was Mr. Hughes' place of residence for a while several years after he finished high school. While searching for employment in New York he discovered that it was nearly impossible for a Negro to secure a job with a future. His feelings at that time were reflected in *Clean Spittoons.*

Possessed with a strong desire to travel, Mr. Hughes worked as a seaman and visited much of the world. In Paris, many of his later poems were influenced when he heard an American jazz band and tried to capture its steady beat of syncopation in *Negro Dancers.*

Poems in the manner of Negro folk songs have frequently been written by Mr. Hughes. He read, among others, *Feet of Jesus,* which has been set to music and is used by Marian Anderson on her concert tours. "Blues" poems, too, are often done by Mr. Hughes, and Juanita Hall (who plays "Bloody Mary" in *South Pacific*) is soon to record a suite of his "blues" for Victor Record Co.

Glaciologist Talks Here Thursday

Dr. Earl Apfel, internationally-known glaciologist and head of the Department of Geology of Syracuse University, will speak in the Chemistry Auditorium Thursday Night, March 23rd.

Dr. Apfel will in all probability speak of his findings in Antarctica, where he was sent two years ago on a Navy relief ship coming to the aid of a stranded polar expidition.

Since Dr. Apfel has examined numerous Antarctic surface specimens, his comments on the makeup of the Antartic ice cap should be highly interesting, according to Professor Nelson C. Dale. The lecture will be accompanied by colored pictures of the expedition.

Music Events This Spring Are Released

College students and faculty can look forward to a large and varied program of musical activities during the coming months. The possible continuation of Professor Shute's well-received Beethoven sonata series, two choir concerts, a meeting of the music club and a three night Bach festival are planned for dates in March, April and May.

The College Choir will journey to the Yahnundasis Golf Club in Utica to give a program of varied choral music on March 19th.

Music Club To Meet In April

A meeting of the Music Club is scheduled for April 16th at the home of Professor Shute. The tentative program will include a rendition by Mrs. Samuel Obletz of a Mozart piano sonata. With Mrs. Boyd C. Patterson at the piano, Fred Miller will play a Beethoven 'cello sonata. Tom Bridges, flute, and Irving Reid, piano, will team to offer a work by Griffes.

An experiment in poetry reading will be the feature of the program, with Don Roscher reading five selections from Edith Sitwell's "Facade" to the accompaniment of Henry Walton's "Facade" suite. The music, arranged for two pianos, will be played by Professor Shute and

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Dr. G. H. Shuster Of Hunter College To Speak Sunday

Dr. George H. Shuster, president of Hunter College and a leading educator and Catholic writer will speak in the Chapel this Sunday evening at the March convocation.

In addition to his duties at Hunter, Dr. Shuster is the author of innumerable books and articles and has also served in the State and War Departments.

From 1925 to 1929, he was associate editor of *The Commonweal* and is now a contributing editor to that magazine. Among his books are *Hill of Happiness, Catholic Spirit in America, Eternal Magnet, Look Away,* and *Strong Man Rules.*

Dr. Shuster was adviser to the American delegation to the London Conference on International Education in 1945 and was a delegate to UNESCO in 1946. At the present time he is a member of the University of Chicago's Commission on Freedom of the Press.

Before going to Hunter College, he taught English at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, St. Joseph's College, and was head of the English department at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Shuster received his A.B. from Notre Dame in 1915. He attended the University of Portiers in France and earned his Ph. D. at Columbia in 1940.

Debaters Complete Winning Road Trip

Higher Court To Hear Utica Transit Appeal

Hope for bus service to the Hill received a temporary setback yesterday. when the State Supreme Court granted an appeal of the Public Service Commission's order to the Utica Transit Corporation to provide adequate service to the College.

The ruling of the Supreme Court will delay the extension of the line until April 4, and perhaps indefinitely, should the ruling of the PSC be reversed by the court.

The order of the Public Service Commission, based on the opinion of John F. O'Brien, who refereed the litigation, said in part, "Utica Transit Corporation be and it hereby is directed and requested to institute, on or before March 20, omnibus service over and along . . . College Street between (Clinton) and the highway leading to the Hamilton College athletic field."

The order further stated that the UTC need not render this service during the Summer, Christmas, or Easter vacations of the College.

Thomas J. McAndrews, Assistant Superintendent in charge of Scheduling for the Transit Corporation, said earlier this week that the service, if instituted, would probably be of the shuttle variety, somewhat similar to the system used during the trial period last year.

In the hearings, it was brought out by a transit engineer from New York City, that if the busses ran every 48 minutes instead of every 30 as they now do, and continued up the Hill, the Company would undoubtedly lose less money on the Clinton line than they admittedly now do, and would still be able to provide adequate service to Clinton. This opinion has apparently been ignored by the UTC, however.

Robbins Receives Continental Award

William A. Robbins, '49, has been selected by the Literary Board of the Continental as the recipient of the token award of five dollars as the author of the most successful work appearing in the second issue of the Continental.

The payment, which goes only to non-staff members, is for Robbins' story, "Keep the Sun From My Eyes," Editor Don Roscher announced this week. Robbins is now taking graduate work in English Literature at Columbia.

TRADITION

One out of every 10 students on this campus has a Hamilton father.

Team Competing On Another Tour

Following the victorious trips of Hamilton debaters to western New York, New York City and New Jersey last weekend, two Hamilton teams embarked yesterday for Pennsylvania and Washington for three days of scheduled debates on this year's national topic "Resolved, that the United States should nationalize all basic non-agricultural industries."

Meeting Canisius College, the University of Buffalo and Niagara University, March 10 and 11, Ed Rosenthal and Dick Hogan, representing the negative, defeated Buffalo while dropping their contests with Canisius and Niagara. Invited to Buffalo by a group of Hamilton alumni, Rosenthal and Hogan debated before them in their successful contest with Buffalo University.

Accompanied to New York City and New Jersey the same week-end by Mr. Robert Lewis, affirmative debaters Peter Singer and Stewart Robinson, and Sig Hellmann and Murray Drabkin, debating the negative, won five of six debates, scoring victories over Columbia, Fordham, New York University, Rutgers and Lafayette and losing only to Princeton.

Arnold Lerman, Club president, commented "The teams were more successful against the debaters than they were against the weather," explaining that the group was delayed by a storm and forced to cancel debates with West Point, Manhattan College and the downtown branch of N. Y. U.

Hamilton, represented by negative debaters Carlyle Ring and Bill Wehmeyer, left yesterday to oppose five schools in the Philadelphia area — Haverford, Villanova, Swarthmore, Temple and Penn State.

Addie Keeler and Bill Schwarz also left yesterday for Annapolis and Washington to debate the affirmative case against Georgetown University, George Washington University, Navy and Catholic and American Universities.

Tomorrow Hamilton will play host to a negative team from Rutgers University, while on the 22nd, they will meet Bowdoin College at Hamilton.

BULLETIN

Dean Winton Tolles declined comment on reports of his possible candidacy in next fall's Congressional elections. According to last Tuesday's Observer Dispatch local Republican leaders have conferred with the Dean as a possible contender for the GOP nomination for Representative from the 35th Congressional District.

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Petition System

Council President Gregory's call for the circulation of petitions for class president nominations opened the annual spring term burst of political activity on the Hill, and the early response seems to be a strong one.

The petition system worked well in its initial test in last spring's election of Council representatives; it gives voice to student preference from the very beginning of the electoral process. The desirability of such a system presupposes that each student consider the situation well, and make his endorsement count toward nominating a good man who will do a creditable job in this business of running Hamilton's extracurricular life. While college politics should never become disproportionately important on the Hamilton scene, the elections deserve emphasis to the extent that they may bring men of imagination and initiative to the leadership of student affairs, men who have a conscientious desire to make the Hamilton community as satisfactory as possible.

'Congress On The Air' Discussed By Whitstock And Horton On WIBX

"Why Congress Should Be on the Air" was the subject discussed by sophomore Robert Whitstock and freshman David Horton last Wednesday afternoon on the Hill's weekly 15-minute program, "Hamilton College on the Air."

Both in favor of such a plan, the speakers believed that if the normal business of both Houses were broadcast, the voters would not only have a "first-hand account of what is going on in foreign and domestic legislation," but they would also know what their own representatives are doing.

Whitstock believed that use of the radio in legislative assemblies would bring to closer reality the idea that in this form of government there should be "close liason between the representatives and the represented."

Another benefit, according to Horton, would be the development of "a better sense of responsibility" among the representatives in Congress.

Gaunt Addresses Biology Students

Dr. Robert Gaunt, head of the Zoology Department at Syracuse University, visited the Hill yesterday to deliver two lectures before students of the Biology Department.

The first, "The Regulation of Endocrine Glands," was given in the afternoon to members of the Hill's advanced biology classes. Later, at 8 o'clock, Dr. Gaunt lectured to faculty members and students in the Chemistry Auditorium. At that time, he spoke on "Endocrine Control of the Mammary Glands."

Music Events

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Al McClatchy.

Bach Festival In May

A celebration of the Bach bicentennial is planned for May, with the cooperation of Professor Shute, Mr. Baldwin, the College Choir, and the Utica Oratorio Society. Spread out over three evenings, a program will be given of Bach's organ works by Mr. Baldwin, a piano recital of *Klavierwerke* by Professor Shute, and on the final night, selections from the B Minor Mass by the College Choir and the Utica Oratorio Society.

Letter To Editor

Coach Pete Dugan Thanks Workers At Meet Saturday

Editors:

I'd like to thank all those students and members of the faculty who gave so freely of their time Saturday in order to make the A.A.U. swimming championships a success. Particular thanks should be extended to Jack Purcell, Jack Russell, and Don Gingras, who gave such valuable aid in the organization and administration of the meet, and to The Spectator and its staff for such fine coverage and advance notices.

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Veterans Lead 42 Candidates For Baseball

Coach Batt Outlines Schedule & Plans For Southern Trip

By Larry Rouillard

Forty-two candidates for the Varsity baseball squad reported to Coach Greg Batt last Friday at an organizational meeting in the gym. Included in the group were eight members of last year's team which finished the season with a five-five record.

At the meeting Coach Batt discussed the schedule, the five-game Southern trip and the training program consisting of workouts in the gym every day until the squad can go outside. He also announced that there would be a Junior Varsity nine for those not playing Varsity ball.

The pitchers and catchers began workouts a week in advance of the remainder of the team. Twelve pitchers, including Tony Sleggs, a southpaw, and right-hander Bill Galvin from last year unlimbered their arms by throwing to catchers "Red" Fuller, Harry Doyle, Ted Mullett, and Freshman Don Grant.

Fielders Report

Last Monday, the infielders and outfielders reported, to begin preparations for the March 28 encounter with Roanoke. Captain Jerry Steiner and holdover Marty Fribush led the outfielders in the opening drill. Four other good prospects include: Dick Norcross, Harry Thornton, Ray Powers, and Al Persons.

Shortstop Roger Wood, second baseman Dave Porter, and

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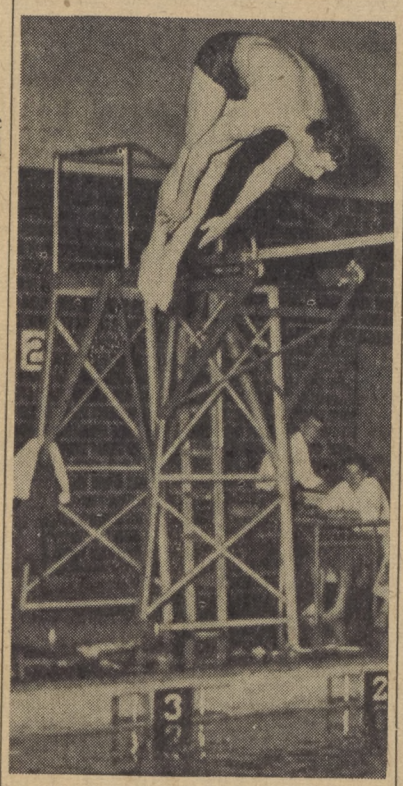

Hill diver, John Mayes, doing Jack-knife in recent meet.

R. Howell Elected Swimming Captain

Backstroke man Dick Howell, a junior from Auburn, New York, was unanimously elected Captain of the 1951 Swimming Team Monday afternoon by his teammates. Peter Constable was chosen as head manager for

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Up In the Press Box

By John H. McMillan

Harry Babcock, former occupant of this spot, has left the Spectator in order to attempt to disprove the old adage that "sports writers are people who think they know everything about all athletic activities, but can't play anything." We sincerely regret Harry's departure from The Press Box, and wish him good luck on the baseball team.

Hamilton College now "boasts a glorious intercollegiate athletic record of 13 wins in 54 varsity contests since September. However, we have been very pleased to discover that recently the administration has begun to take positive steps to remedy this situation. But more about Hamilton's new athletic policy after vacation.

That was quite a swimming meet that Pete Dugan put on last weekend. Although the Continentals didn't place anyone in the finals except the relay team, the organizational work of various students and the Athletic Department was excellent. And anyway, it's pleasant to see some really good athletic squads on the Hill once in a while, even though they're not Hamilton's.

Our hat is off to two men, Ted Mullett and Sam Reeder. This duo, in this department's estimation, are Hamilton's most improved athletes of the year. Would that we had more players (and spectators) with their enthusiasm.

Squash, of all sports, has apparently disproved the old idea that hockey was America's most dangerous game. Greg Batt plays about 30 ice contests with the Comets without an injury. But last week he was sent to a doctor when he was accidentally hit by a student who hadn't learned how to handle a squash racquet.

Despite all campus rumors to the contrary, Hamilton's track team will be coached by Pete Dugan this season. Director of Athletics Mox Weber reports that Dugan will assist Don Jones in football practices this spring, but he will spend most of his time with the cindermen.

Cindermen Plan For Five Meets

Hamilton's track team will participate in five dual meets this spring. Contests with Middlebury, Oswego, and Cortland are scheduled for the Hill track, while the Blue runners will travel to Union and Rochester.

Coach Pete Dugan does not plan to start any practice until after spring vacation.

The schedule:

April 29 — at Union
May 6 — Middlebury
May 13 — at Rochester
May 20 — Oswego
May 27 — Cortland

Squash Squad Wins; Beats Colgate By 6-1

Hamilton's squash team trounced Colgate last night on the Continentals' courts by a 6-1 score.

Winners for the Blue were Captain Jack Barton, Curt Brown, Si Keehn, Bill Page, Tim Hyde and Jack Hill. Obie Bailey was the only Hamilton player to be defeated by the Red Raiders.

A return match with Colgate is scheduled for next month.

College Skiers Capture Sixth In Turin Meet

Compete In Meet With 7 Opponents At Paul Smith's

By Jim Nickel

Hamilton's ski team elected Fred Miller and Chuck Miller co-captains for the 1950 season Wednesday night. At the same time Freshmen "Tug" Pfaltz was named manager.

This afternoon the Continental skiers left for Saranac Lake to compete in an eight team meet at Paul Smith's College.

Under the leadership of Captain Lan Potter, the club has turned in the best showing of any Hamilton ski team since the War, according to Coach Frank Hunt.

Last weekend, at the Snow Ridge Invitation meet, the ski team capped its bid for top position in Hamilton's Winter sport scene by placing sixth in a field of 17, with 147 points. Colgate nosed out the Continentals for fifth spot by seven-tenths of a point, as Syracuse swept to first place with 193 points, with Williams second and Paul Smith's third. Two tough breaks stopped Hamilton in its bid for fourth place, and definitely kept the Blue out of fifth. In the downhill Potter and Fred Miller, both dependable skiers, fell within ten yards of the finish line. But in the slalom Hamilton picked up valuable points with Potter and Bob Maider pacing the Continentals.

Events slated for tomorrow include cross country, downhill slalom, and jumping. Paul Smith's the host team, will be favored. Competing for the Blue will be Potter, Maider, Howe Quinby, Chuck Miller, and Dave Dickson.

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Pigskin Candidates Meet March 23

An organizational meeting of the 1950 Hamilton football team will be held March 23 in the Baker Memorial Room of the Gymnasium, Coach Don Jones announced this week.

All students who hope to go out for the team next fall must attend the meeting, Jones said. At the same time he reported that fall practice will get underway on September 10.

Jones hopes to wind up his spring practice, which will start as soon as weather conditions permit, with either a game with another school or an intrasquad contest. Spring sessions will last for two or three weeks.

Sig 'Five' Breaks Psi U's 3 Year Winning Streak

A right-handed push shot from the left side by Sigma Phi's Jack Barton as the game ended sent the league-leading Psi U basketball team down to a 52-51 defeat, their first loss in three years

Psi U jumped out in front, 15-4, early in the game on the shooting of Bib Tillman and Bob Neiswanger, each of whom scored 18 points in the tight contest.

The Sigs battled back with Red Fuller, who led the winners with 14 points, clicking with his set efforts, and Barton and Bill Kaufmann, who had 12 and 13 respectively, hitting from underneath to tie the score at 27-all.

Late in the second half with the score tied at 50-50, Neiswanger dropped a foul. After an exchange of possession, Henry snagged a rebound but Kaufmann tied him up for a jump ball with six seconds to set the stage for Barton's winning shot.

Swimming Captain

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next year's squad. While Hamilton's showing in the Adirondack AAU Championships last Saturday was disappointing, the 400 yard relay team with Ferris, Bates, Gregory, and Egner swimming covered the distance in their best time this season to place third for six points.

Colgate University kept possession of the Adirondack AAU plaque as they gained 77 points and six firsts. Union took second with 30 while RPI got 25, Colgate Frosh 23, Troy Y 10, and Hamilton 6. Besides being awarded the Adirondack AAU "Athlete of 49" trophy, Colgate's Ralph Coxhead retained his 150 yard backstroke title and broke the AAU record by four seconds with 1:35.9.

Baseball

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first baseman Stu McKeldin returned from last season's infield, but will face tough competition to retain the berths. Third base is wide open with three men battling for recognition.

The members of the team making the southern trip will not be determined until March 23, and the squad will leave on March 27.

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